

Here, the fee agreement between Plaintiff and counsel provides for a contingency fee of 25% of past-due benefits. Plaintiff was awarded \$13,118.48 under Title XVI and \$71,338.00 under Title II of the Act in past-due benefits at the administrative level after this Court entered judgment. Pursuant to the agreement, counsel requests a fee of \$17,834.50. The Court has reviewed the amount requested by counsel and finds it to be reasonable in light of the fee

agreement, hours expended, complexity of the matter and skill required, risk of taking a case on a contingency basis, and result achieved. Accordingly, counsel's Motion shall be granted.

**THEREFORE**, it is hereby **ORDERED**:

- (1) The Motion (Doc. No. 22) shall be **GRANTED**.
- (2) The Social Security Administration shall release the sum of \$17,834.50 to Plaintiff's counsel as attorney fees for services rendered before this Court;
- (3) Plaintiff's counsel shall refund to the Plaintiff the amount of \$5,000.00 previously awarded and paid to Plaintiff's counsel pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act; and
- (4) Plaintiff's counsel shall withdraw the fee petition pending before the Administrative Law Judge since 1/17/2017.

**SO ORDERED.**

Signed: March 20, 2018

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Graham C. Mullen", written over a horizontal line.

Graham C. Mullen  
United States District Judge

